



New Features Enhance Security, Facilitate Trade

The Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) continues to expand its capabilities for U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) in e-Manifest: Trucks (Release 4). The capabilities and features of e-Manifest: Trucks support the twin goals of CBP, expediting legitimate trade while keeping America's borders secure.

e-Manifest: Trucks (Release 4) includes a number of firsts that meet these goals, including: new homeland security capabilities, automated manifests (the "e-Manifest") for all trucks, a single system for truck release, and the first Participating Government Agency (PGA) to interact with ACE in support of the goals of the International Trade Data System (ITDS).

New Homeland Security Capabilities

All aspects of e-Manifest: Trucks (Release 4) enhance border security, from the ability to pre-screen manifest data, to more time for CBP Officers to locate and examine high-risk shipments. New ACE features provide electronic tracking of non-compliance issues, allowing CBP Officers to research, track, and manage instances of potential or actual non-compliance related to a specific account, transaction, line item, or entry.

The First "e-Manifest" for all Trucks

Before they reach the border, trucks will be required to submit an Automated Cargo Manifest (e-Manifest) through the web-based ACE Secure Data Portal or a CBP-approved Electronic Data Interchange. Submitting the manifest early allows border security agencies to pre-screen the manifest through multiple checks before the truck arrives. Potential issues are noted early, enabling CBP Officers to focus security efforts and inspections on high-risk commerce, minimizing unnecessary delays for legitimate, low-risk commerce.

e-Manifest: Trucks (Release 4) also modifies the entry process. After inspection at the border, the truck is released through one of three processes:

- **Preferred Release** is Free and Secure Trade (FAST) plus the ACE release process. A transponder located on the truck will trigger ACE to retrieve the carrier's trip and shipment information. The driver's proximity card will be scanned for pre-registered, positive identification.
- **Standard Release** supports other release processes, including Pre-Arrival Processing System (PAPS), Border Release Advanced Selectivity System (BRASS), In-bond Processing, and Section 321 (Informal Release). Transponder technology will also be supported in the Standard Release process.
- **Paper Manifest** carriers presenting only a paper manifest at the border may be delayed at the border.



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e-Manifest: Trucks (Release 4) Overview

A Single System for Trucks Release

For the first time, legacy and ACE release data will be displayed in one easy-to-use inspector portal screen, giving CBP Officers a comprehensive view of enforcement and transaction history data. Through a single window into the ACE system, officers have point-and-click access to release data from seven separate legacy systems. These systems will send their data to ACE. The primary booth screen will give the officer access to all available information from a single screen. Drill down capability is available to view supporting information.

Consolidating the release data will reduce the time CBP Officers have to spend on administrative paperwork and eliminate the need to toggle between each legacy system. With “one-stop” access to release data, officers will have more time to analyze the release information and observe potential risks.

The First Participating Government Agency Joins with ACE

The ITDS has taken the first step in their program toward the “Single Window to the Government” for all import and export processes. The realization of the first PGA to work with ACE/ITDS means great strides are being made toward more efficient government, streamlined trade reporting, and enhanced trade/government collaboration. This first agency, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, a division of the Department of Transportation, will receive accurate and timely information from ACE, and will, in turn, provide up-to-the-minute safety information on trucks and drivers crossing the border.

Pilot Period Begins November 2004

The e-Manifest: Trucks (Release 4) pilot period begins the end of 2004. Seven ports are designated to be the first to receive e-Manifest: Trucks (Release 4) capabilities: Blaine, Buffalo, Champlain, Detroit, Laredo, Port Huron, and Otay Mesa. e-Manifest: Trucks capabilities will be phased in incrementally by port.

The CBP personnel affected by the release will receive a combination of hands-on training, instructor-led training, and Computer-Based Training (CBT), depending on how much they will use the new capabilities. Trade personnel will receive CBT training.

Questions? If you have any questions or would like to know more about ACE and Modernization, please send your inquiries to: cbpmo@dhs.gov.